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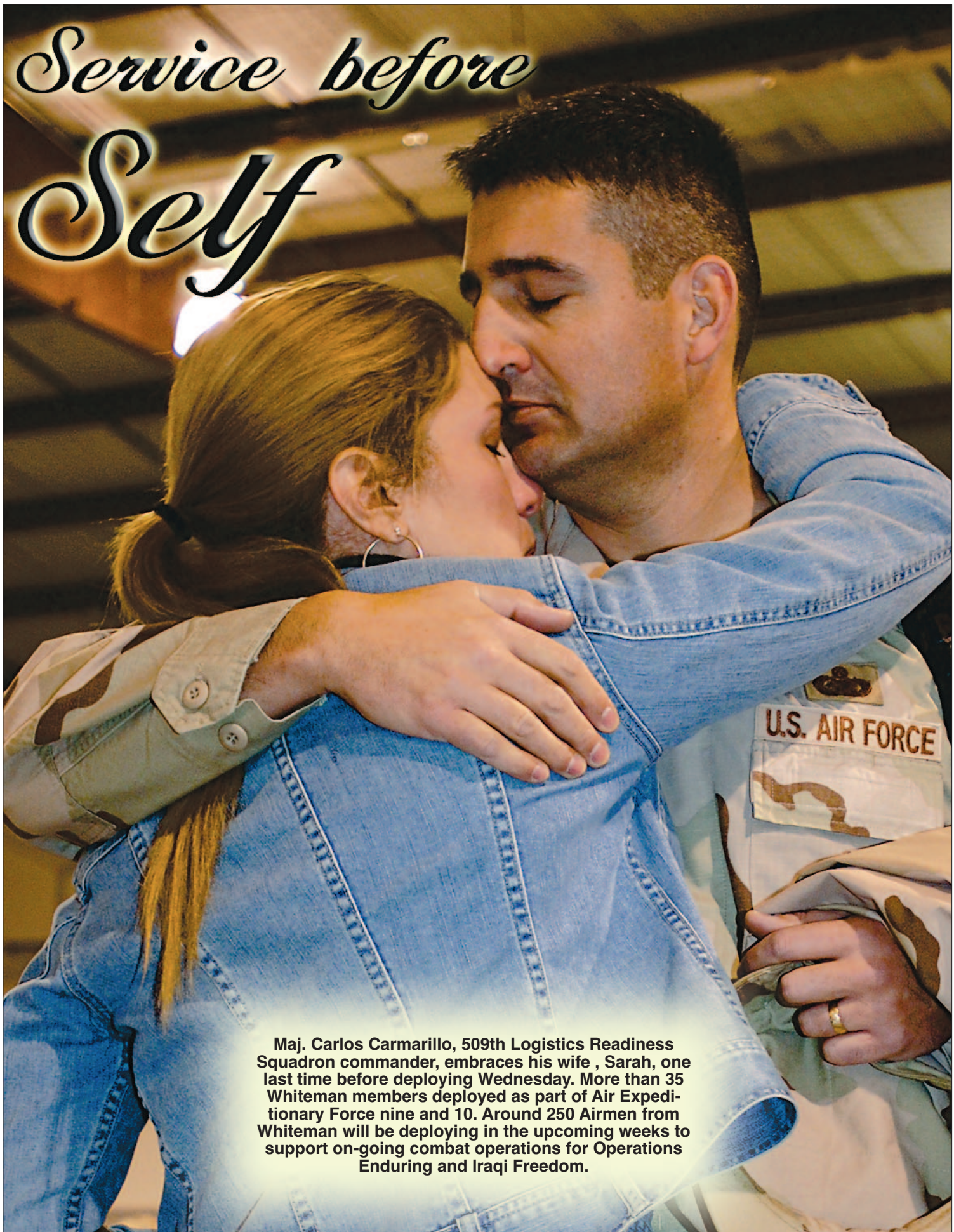
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Service before Self



Maj. Carlos Carmarillo, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, embraces his wife, Sarah, one last time before deploying Wednesday. More than 35 Whiteman members deployed as part of Air Expeditionary Force nine and 10. Around 250 Airmen from Whiteman will be deploying in the upcoming weeks to support on-going combat operations for Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Felicia Haecker

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Air Force Quiz answer

Commander's Corner

By Brig. Gen. Chris Miller

509th Bomb Wing commander

Welcome to 2006! I'm glad everyone returned to Whiteman safe and sound. Many of us traveled long distances to be with family and friends—others stayed near home—either way I hope each of you enjoyed your time with loved ones.

Glancing at the calendar ahead, 2006 will undoubtedly be another busy year for Team Whiteman.

Earlier this week we sent a group of fellow Airmen to the desert in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. Over the next few weeks they'll be joined by more than 250 of our deploying team members to help freedom take root in remote lands.

But, before we start going full-throttle into the New Year, it's important to take some time to recalibrate ourselves, focus on the basics and work on achieving our goals.

We have important missions to accomplish, but they can't get done unless we're healthy. That's why we held a safety day so we could concentrate on driving the right actions that lead to success.

Remember, before you engage in any activity—for fun or on the job—be sure to Assess your environment...Consider the risks...Take appropriate action...in all you do.

On Tuesday I'm holding a wing-wide commander's call to discuss our goals and direction for 2006. My command philosophy boils down to three key points: work hard, work smart and work together.

We all play an important role in generating airpower for America. It's not easy to make it happen. If you know a safer or more effective way to get the mission done, let your chain of command know about it.

Our Air Force is getting smaller and we must find smarter ways to operate. Lastly, nothing gets done without working together.

Team Whiteman is more than a catchphrase—it's the real-



Photo by Staff Sgt. Felicia Haecker

Brig. Gen. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, bids farewell to 1st Lt. John Garvey, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, before deploying as part of Air Expeditionary Force nine and 10 Wednesday.

world way we get the mission done. I'm thankful we have a base that's overflowing with good people who see something that needs to be fixed and then work to repair it—and are always ready and willing to lend a hand to someone in need.

We work best when we're all moving in the right direction together and I'm honored to be part of this team.

I look forward to seeing you at the commander's call, taking your questions and laying out the flight plan for 2006.

Be prepared for the future

By Lt. Col. Jeffery Johnson

509th Medical Operations Squadron
commander

Happy 2006, Team Whiteman!

It's my hope that all of you and yours had a blessed Holiday Season. It is really hard to believe we've once more started another new year.

My dad, John A. Johnson, or Pop as I called him, use to always say that a new year was one of God's ways of giving us a clean slate to work with. At that time, as a kid, I never quite got what he was trying to tell me. But as I reflect back on my observations of Pop, and how he lived his life, I'm beginning to get the idea of what he meant.

One of the traditions of the Pop Johnson household was to gather up on New Year's Eve, talk about the year past and share our New Year's Resolutions for the upcoming year. We'd all talk about what we wanted to do better with. Perhaps how my sister and I would work harder at _____, feel free to fill in the blank.

Mom and Dad would discuss more closely watching the budget, or again, if you have children, fill in the blanks. But it didn't stop there. Pop would always take it to the next level, meaning, Pop would share what his plan was to reach his New Year's Resolution goals. He had a PLAN, and if there's one thing my Pop always did, he followed the PLAN. Was he always successful? Nope, but as Sir Winston Churchill once said, "Success is going from failure to failure without losing your enthusiasm."

So, I've been contemplating what consistencies I had seen in Pop's PLAN. What lessons he taught me through the yearly tradition of formulating his annual resolutions. What Pop Johnson shared

with me, I believe, still has significant relevance to our activities today. Here's Pop Johnson's lessons-learned on the PLAN:

P = PURPOSE – Pop's PLAN always had a purpose. Long before Pastor Rick Warren wrote, "Purpose Driven Life®" Pop Johnson practiced Prov 11:28 – "A life devoted to things is a dead life, a stump; a God-shaped life is a flourishing tree." Understanding our purpose helps define our mission. Locking this down, we have a clear vector on what steps we need to take to bring our mission to completion.

We can set out with our purpose in front of us, and begin to craft the rest of the PLAN to make it so.

L = LEADERSHIP – To ensure our PLAN succeeds, one of the ingredients Pop Johnson always demonstrated was

leadership. He was a master at living out what Mary D. Poole said about leadership. She said, "Leadership should be more participative than directive, more enabling than performing."

In other words we first lead by example and we facilitate others by our assistance and providing them the tools they need for success.

Now with a personal goal or objective, say for example improving our physical fitness, leadership is witnessed by our discipline. Leadership is also displayed in followership. Once more using our example of improving our overall fitness, if we follow the PTL during a PT session, or the guidance provided by the HAWC Team with regards to fitness improvement, these are examples of leadership by following. As others see us start to achieve our objectives, then, we are simply leading by example.

I would contend our personal leadership becomes part of the driving force, especially within the context of our reaching a personal goal. If we have a clear purpose, then leadership can point the way and lead the charge.

A = ACTION – How many good New Year's Resolutions do we see proposed with passion each year, only to fall onto the scrap heap of lost causes within the first few months of the year? Why do these resolutions, made with good intentions to implement, never get off the drawing board?

I would submit that perhaps the primary cause for failure, in this vein, would be inaction. We can have the most solid purpose in mind, strong intentions to press forward, leading ourselves via discipline, but, if we fail to take that first step, to act, the plan will stagnate and

eventually pass into oblivion. Alfred Adler commented, "Trust only movement. Life happens at the level of events, not of words. Trust movement." I can assure you my Dad was all about this stage of the PLAN. When we finally reached the action stage of a project,

Pop was in his element.

Now that's not to say he blindly bulldozed on, nope, not at all. Pop Johnson always cross-checked to be sure we were on track with the plan, following the steps he'd plotted, ensuring we were on the course he had set. (For a hyperactive kid building a soap box derby care, this part could get really tiresome. "Level and plum", he'd say, "always make sure it's level and plum." Oh, here's another one of his favorite phrases, "Measure twice, cut once.") Yet, we'd soldier on, in spite

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**"I love it
when a plan
comes
together ..."**

Newsline

Soil testing in Lakeview housing

There is soil testing ongoing in the Lakeview housing area. Access to homes will not be required and traffic flow interruption is not expected.

For more details, contact Mike Roberts at 687-4229 or Alan Olas at 687-4417.

Christmas tree pickup

Live Christmas trees will be collected in base housing every Tuesday and Friday until Jan. 13. Trees are to be placed at the curb and must be cleared of all decorations.

For more information, call 687-6253.

MPF changes hours

Effective immediately, the military personnel flight will have new hours of operation. Customer service hours will be Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. All other sections: Walk-ins 9 a.m.-noon and appointments 1-4:30 p.m. For all personnel issues:

Step 1: Visit the "Virtual MPF" for secure self service at www.afpc.randolph.mil/vs.

Step 2: Contact your unit commanders support staff.

Step 3: Contact the MPF at 687-6469 or call the Air Force Personnel Contact Center at 1-800-616-3755.

BCC luncheon set

The next base community council luncheon begins at noon Thursday at Mission's End.

Knob Noster, Mo. and La Monte, Mo., are the featured communities. The menu is chef's salad with choice of dressing and the cost is \$8.50.

Those interested in attending must R.S.V.P. by noon Monday.

Sorry, no late R.S.V.P.s will be accepted. To R.S.V.P. or for more details, call Melissa Klinkner at 687-6122.

Tier 2 announcements

The next Tier 2 meeting will be 10 a.m. Jan. 17 at Mission's End.

The newly elected Tier 2 officers are:

Staff Sgt. Brad Calahan

509th Maintenance Squadron

Vice president

Tech Sgt. Kelli Remmert

509th Medical Group

Secretary

Staff Sgt. Leah Calahan

509th MXS

Treasurer

Staff Sgt. Matthew Knowles

509th Comptroller Squadron

AADD volunteers needed

Whiteman members interested in joining Airmen Against Drunk Driving can attend a training class 3:30 p.m. Jan. 13 or 3:30 p.m. Jan. 27 at the medical clinic, room 1212. The class normally lasts 20-30 minutes and those interested are encouraged to R.S.V.P.

For more details, contact Staff Sgt. Paul Hankins, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, at 687-4891.

Winter weather parking

Base members living in base housing are reminded not to park vehicles in the streets during winter weather.

When bad weather is imminent and confirmed by base weather, base housing residents should park all vehicles off the street (not on seeded or grassy areas).

Vehicles obstructing snow removal operations may be ticketed by base law enforcement and may be towed at the owner's expense if necessary.

STEPPING UP

Four Whiteman members' hard work earns them extra stripes, extra responsibilities.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Rob Hazelett

Left: Newly announced Stripes for Exceptional Performance promotees Master Sgts. Royce Moore, 509th Maintenance Squadron, and Dave "Roc" Hodges, 509th Mission Support Squadron, break in their new stripes. Both sergeants were STEP promoted during a Tier-2 briefing Dec. 20 at Mission's End. Right: Tech. Sgt. Mitchell Swindell, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and Staff Sgt. Dustin Finamore, 509th Communications Squadron, show off their new stripes after they received a STEP promotion at a maintenance safety briefing Tuesday. All four sergeants received their new stripes after a surprise announcement by Brig. Gen. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander. STEP promotions are reserved for staff sergeants to master sergeants, and presented to selectees who have had approved recommendations by their commanders and meet the following criteria: candidates have performed outstanding in their duty section, are involved in off-duty activity in local communities, worked on self-improvement, and have been recognized for their job or non-duty performance.

Horse'n around



Courtesy photo

Master Sgt. Tim Allen, 509th Services Squadron, and his son, Tim, run the blindfold barrel race at the fitness center. This was one of many events for "Get Your Kicks in '06," the all-day New Year's Eve celebration hosted by 509th SVS facilities. The family-oriented event included activities at the Fitness Center, Community Center, Bowling Center and Library. The day's events concluded at Mission's End where participants enjoyed refreshments, party favors, a disc jockey, entertainment and over \$3,500 in prize giveaways.

Paying the MAN

By Deana Baryliski

Whiteman tax office

Tax season is here again. Need help with your taxes? The Whiteman Tax Office will be opening for business Jan. 18.

Electronic filing will also start on this day. Tax assistance is available to active duty, military spouses, and retiree, at no cost to you. A valid military ID is required.

Taxpayers may contact the Tax Office at 687-6020 starting Jan. 17 to make an appointment.

The operating hours will be 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. The tax office will be located in the community activity center, meeting room 1.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance is available to help taxpayers prepare their 2005 tax returns. Volunteers are only trained to assist with 1040EZ, 1040A, and basic 1040 forms.

Volunteers are not trained to do complicated taxes. We are not able to handle any rental properties, extensive investments, or business income on a Schedule C.

We can do simple investments and business income on a C-EZ. In order for us to handle the business income you must have all the information available and calculated.

This would involve total gross profits, total business expenses, and the total amount of mileage used.

VITA volunteers not only volunteer at the tax office each week, most can help clients in their squadron. The names of these unit tax representatives will be posted in the near future.

We will have a limited number of tax forms available at the tax office.

All forms and publications are available on the internet at www.irs.gov. If you don't have access to the Internet, we will be able to print forms for you.

For more information, call the tax office at 687-6020.

Team members honored in January

Team Whiteman recognized 81 promotees at a ceremony Tuesday at Mission's End.



AIRMEN

They are:

Candice Harris and Joshua Wilson
509th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Brian Smith
509th Operations Support Squadron
Chance Farmer, Sean Lomonaco,
Sheena Early and Tavaris Stovall
509th Security Forces Squadron
Mayra Ramirez
509th Services Squadron



AIRMEN 1ST CLASS

Kristin Allen
509th Bomb Wing
Glenn Stringer
509th Communications Squadron
Benjamin Brown, Dennis Carlisle and
Trista Karley
509th Maintenance Squadron
Jesse Sanchez and Erin Suddath
509th OSS
Andrew Brininstool and
Catherine Ainsley
509th SFS



SENIOR AIRMEN

Andrew Kolesar,
Ashley Stewart,
Christopher Therrian,
David Hal,
Jarid Fitzgerald, Kyle Davis,
Matthew Morris, Michael Czepyha,
Richard Maurer,
Shawn Ward,
Travis Andrews and Travis Hughes
509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Anna Cole and Derrick Engle
509th Civil Engineer Squadron
Michael Burlison II, Ryan Wilson and
Skyler Brown
509th CS
Candace Shannon, Kyle Light and
Robert Shearer
509th Comptroller Squadron
Mary Bauzon
509th LRS
Benjamin Phillips,
Brandon Williams and
Daniel Franson
509th MXS
Cassandra Parks
509th Mission Support Squadron
Benjamin McConnell, Gina Daniel,
Humberto Carrillo Jr,
Justin Parsons and
Ryan Persad
509th Munitions Squadron
Erin Pearson, Bobby Bielby and
Patti Babcock
509th OSS
Brady Grimm
509th SFS
Lisa Halstead
509th SVS



STAFF SERGEANTS

Brandon Innis and Joshua Varga
509th AMXS
Brandon Layman
509th CS
Douglas Doniel
509th MUNS
Eric Feiden, Jose Flores,
Matthew Hamilton and Joshua Turner
509th MXS
Marla Bell, David Hamilton and
Willie Taylor
509th SFS
Tze Lai
509th SVS



TECHNICAL SERGEANTS

Eliza Scarberry
Detachment 280 Air Force ROTC
Paulette Tate
509th BW
Jeremy Nelson
509th CS
Greg Sikorski and Carla Vincent
509th LRS
William Selement
509th MUNS



MASTER SERGEANTS

Jonathan Sarabia
509th SFS
David Riggins
509th AMXS
John Lagassey and Michael Shankles
509th CES
Samuel Stewart
509th Cons
Royce Moore
509th MXS
David Hodges
509th MSS



SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT

Anthony Roop
509th SFS
Richard Stover
509th AMXS
Cory Nicolson
509th BW
Jeffrey Hollinshed
509th MUNS

Outstanding CDC end of course scores

Seven Airmen who earned outstanding career development course test results were recognized at a ceremony Tuesday at Mission's End. They are:

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— **Airman 1st Class. William Bryant**
509th Medical Support Squadron
— **Airman 1st Class Tod Kasper**
509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
— **Airman Catrina Maxwell**
509th Munitions Squadron

Senior Airman Troy Rupnik —
509th Logistics Readiness Squadron

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— **Senior Airman Daniel Endris**
509th Operations Support Squadron
— **Senior Airman Thomas Williamson**
509th AMXS

Airmen 'drop the ball' on New Year's Eve

By Capt. Eric Badger

379th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFPN) — With inspiration from New York -- the city that never sleeps -- Airmen at this desert base that never sleep got to drop the ball this New Year's Eve.

In less than 72 hours, some 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron members constructed a New Year's Eve Ball like the one dropped at New York's Times Square every year.

"We've got New York beaten -- hands down," said electrician Staff Sgt. Jacob Phillips, the New Year's Eve Ball project officer.

New York's ball is six feet in diameter. The one he helped build has a 12-foot diameter. The "Big Apple's" ball weighs 1,042 pounds, versus the ton the desert ball weighs. But the New York ball has more lights -- 696 to 417.

"Two out of three isn't bad," he said.

Similar to the Times Square tradition, which dates to 1907, the squadron suspended the ball about 100 feet in the air and slowly lowered it from a crane on New Year's Eve as the audience counted down the seconds until 2006.

When the last second ticked away, about 230 volts of electricity helped illuminate the 417 lights.

Sergeant Phillips said the flamboyant ball had humble beginnings.

"It was made out of an unused sewage tank," he said. "The tank was ordered by our plumbing folks and was too big for what the shop needed it for. So they gave it to us and we sculpted it into (the ball)," he said.

"This is the first time the base has ever done anything like this, so it's really exciting to be a part of it."

The civil engineers built legs for the ball and transported it by flat-bed truck from their compound to the base's Memorial Plaza where the New Year's Eve celebration took place.

"The entire squadron pitched in to help out on this project," said electrician Senior Airman Joseph McGee.

"From the electrical shop to plumbing, HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) and structures, each shop contributed big time to make this a memorable New Year for everyone."

There were skeptics, Sergeant Phillips said.

"When we came to our supervisors with the idea, they thought it was great but they didn't think it could be done," he said.

"That gave us even more determination to do it. I said, 'That's okay, we'll show them.'"

The unique project was, indeed, a test in creativity, said structures troop Airman 1st Class Ian Sthole.

"This is something brand new for us -- so we loved the challenge," he said.

"The hardest part was getting all the material together. But, the hard work definitely paid off. What we've created will probably be used for years."

There was great camaraderie among the shops, electrician Staff Sgt. Jeremy Snowden said.

"It sure was fun to watch the finished product," he said. "But what I found to be the most fun was working on this project with all of the other CE shops."

"We're almost at the end of our rotation, and this was the first time the entire squadron worked sideby side on a single project," he said.

"The teamwork was amazing."

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By Staff Sgt. Jenifer Martinez

Ramstein Air Force Base
Claims Office

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Good eats means happy troops

By Master Sgt. Stanley Coleman

379th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFP) — An army marches on its stomach.

Napoleon Bonaparte said, and believed, that in 1812. Truth is he might have been thinking more about the importance of a good supply line.

But a visit to a military camp—then or now — would reveal that good eats and tasty treats are just as important to the troops. Get it wrong, and the troops are not happy.

The Airmen of the 379th Expeditionary Services Squadron's food service flight know that. It's why they strive to provide the best variety of food — meats, seafood, vegetables, beverages and desserts — to coalition forces at this desert base.

"We take pride in making sure the troops eat well in a comfortable facility and that they have plenty of entrees, desserts and beverages to choose from," said Tech. Sgt. Shannon Midgett, the assistant manager of the squadron's Man-hattan Dining Facility.

The squadron manages the largest food service operation in the region — the second largest in the Air Force, said Master Sgt. Troy Miller, who manages the Somerset Dining Facility and is the acting food service flight chief.

"Our services include around-the-clock provision of hot meals and flight meals (for aircrews and shift workers) that include sandwiches and prepackaged food products," Sergeant Miller said.

In addition to breakfast, lunch, dinner and flight meals, the dining facilities host special events. These include birthday meals and distinguished visitor dining. Troops get a good variety, including steak, shrimp and lobster.

"It's all about service," said Master Sgt. Hazel Jordon, a shift manager at the Independence Dining Facility. "The services staff is dedicated to providing quality service."

The dining facility crews must also contend with the supply chain Napoleon talked about so long ago.

"Items that are readily available back home are not easily provided in a deployed situation," Sergeant Midgett said. "People ask us, 'Why can't we just order and stock the items?'" The distribution process is not

that simple."

Still, the troops get good food — though they sometimes cannot understand why the meatloaf isn't like their mom makes back home.

"Everyone wants something different," said Airman James Phillips, a quality assurance shift worker at the Somerset Dining Facility.

"It's a challenge to try to please everybody. We can't flavor the food to our own personal tastes."

"When preparing food for the masses, we must cook in a certain way," Airman Phillips said. Customer have the choice of seasoning their "food with the variety of spices and flavorings available" on each table.

Besides the dining facilities, the squadron runs a "Grab-n-Go" flight kitchen that provides flight meals for aircrew and troops who cannot break away from their jobs for a hot meal.

"Our menu includes a variety of sandwiches, beverages and prepackaged snack items," flight kitchen manager Tech. Sgt. Joseph Newton said. "The services we provide are a joint effort between the military members and TCNs here."

TCNs — third-country nationals — are the local workers on the services staff. These workers do most of the cooking while Airmen serve as facility management staff, said Airman 1st Class Sean Gray, a quality assurance team member at the Independence Dining Facility.

"We ensure the TCNs follow the proper working procedures," said Staff Sergeant Darci Furr, a quality assurance shift leader. Monitoring includes checking for correct cooking, food storage and refrigeration temperatures.

"We also monitor correct food temperatures on the serving line as well as assist in the preparation and serving of food," she said.

Many of the services troops, and local workers, have the equivalent civilian ratings of chefs and master bakers, Sergeant Miller said. Some have professional training outside the military.

In the end, it's all about keeping the troops happy and on the job.

"Food is morale and we take our jobs very seriously," Sergeant Miller said. "We take food preparation and customer service to heart. We put our best into it."

2006 military pay charts

(Editor's note: These numbers have been rounded to the nearest dollar. For an electronic listing, visit the Air Force Web site at <http://www.af.mil>)

The 2006 military basic pay reflects an across the board 3.1 percent raise. Authority for the raise was granted in 1999, under the 2000 defense authorization act, which directs that annual military raises from 2001 through 2006 be set at one-half percentage point above private sector wage growth.

Basic Enlisted Pay Rates Effective January 2006

Pay Grade	Years of Service				
	Less than 2	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6
E-9					
E-8					
E-7	2,288	2,498	2,594	2,721	2,819
E-6	1,980	2,178	2,274	2,368	2,465
E-5	1,814	1,935	2,028	2,125	2,274
E-4	1,663	1,748	1,842	1,936	2,018
E-3	1,501	1,595	1,692	1,692	1,692
E-2	1,427	1,427	1,427	1,428	1,427
E-1	1,274	1,274	1,274	1,274	1,274
E-1 with less than 4 months of service	1,178				

Pay Grade	Years of Service				
	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16
E-9					
E-8	3,293	3,438	3,528	3,636	3,753
E-7	2,990	3,085	3,180	3,350	3,436
E-6	2,685	2,771	2,865	2,949	2,978
E-5	2,402	2,497	2,527	2,527	2,527
E-4	2,018	2,018	2,018	2,018	2,018
E-3	1,692	1,692	1,692	1,692	1,692
E-2	1,427	1,427	1,427	1,427	1,427
E-1	1,274	1,274	1,274	1,274	1,274

Pay Grade	Years of Service				
	Over 18	Over 20	Over 22	Over 24	Over 26
E-9	4,499	4,718	4,902	5,097	5,394

E-8	3,965	4,072	4,254	4,355	4,604
E-7	3,516	3,566	3,733	3,841	4,114
E-6	2,999	2,999	2,999	2,999	2,999
E-5	2,527	2,527	2,527	2,527	2,527
E-4	2,018	2,018	2,018	2,018	2,018
E-3	1,692	1,692	1,692	1,692	1,692
E-2	1,427	1,427	1,427	1,427	1,427
E-1	1,274	1,274	1,274	1,274	1,274

Note: For the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force basic pay is \$6,499.50.

Basic Officer Pay Rates Effective January 2006.

Pay Grade	Years of Service (See note 1)				
	Under 2	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6
O-10					
O-9					
O-8	8,271	8,542	8,722	8,772	8,996
O-7	6,873	7,192	7,340	7,457	7,670
O-6	5,094	5,596	5,963	5,963	5,986
O-5	4,247	4,784	5,115	5,177	5,384
O-4	3,664	4,241	4,524	4,588	4,850
O-3	3,221	3,652	3,942	4,298	4,503
O-2	2,783	3,170	3,651	3,774	3,852
O-1	2,416	2,515	3,040	3,040	3,040

*Commissioned officer with over 4 years of active service as an enlisted member or warrant officer (See note ***)*

Pay Grade	Years of Service				
	Under 2	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6
O-3E				4,298	4,503
O-2E				3,774	3,852
O-1E				3,040	3,246

Pay Grade	Years of Service				
	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16
O-10					
O-9					
O-8	9,371	9,458	9,814	9,916	10,223
O-7	7,880	8,123	8,365	8,608	9,371
O-6	6,243	6,277	6,277	6,633	7,264
O-5	5,507	5,779	5,979	6,236	6,631
O-4	5,132	5,482	5,756	5,945	6,054

O-3	4,729	4,875	5,116	5,241	5,241
O-2	3,852	3,852	3,852	3,852	3,852
O-1	3,040	3,040	3,040	3,040	3,040

*Commissioned officer with over 4 years of active service as an enlisted member or warrant officer (See note ***)*

	Years of Service				
	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16
O-3E	4,729	4,875	5,116	5,318	5,435
O-2E	3,975	4,181	4,342	4,461	4,461
O-1E	3,366	3,489	3,609	3,774	3,774

Pay Grade	Years of Service				
	Over 18	Over 20	Over 22	Over 24	Over 26
O-10		13,365	13,430	13,710	14,196
O-9		11,690	11,858	12,101	12,526
O-8	10,666	11,075	11,349	11,349	11,349
O-7	10,016	10,016	10,016	10,016	10,067
O-6	7,634	8,004	8,215	8,428	8,841
O-5	6,818	7,004	7,214	7,214	7,214
O-4	6,118	6,118	6,118	6,118	6,118
O-3	5,241	5,241	5,241	5,241	5,241
O-2	3,852	3,852	3,852	3,852	3,852
O-1	3,040	3,040	3,040	3,040	3,040

*Commissioned officer with over 4 years of active service as an enlisted member or warrant officer (See note ***)*

	Years of Service				
	Over 18	Over 20	Over 22	Over 24	Over 26
O-3E	5,593	5,593	5,593	5,593	5,593
O-2E	4,461	4,461	4,467	4,461	4,461
O-1E	3,774	3,774	3,774	3,774	3,774

Junior non-commissioned officers will receive an average of 9.94 percent BAH increase.

Officers can anticipate seeing a 10.65 percent average BAH increase by Jan 15.

Whiteman military personnel can expect to receive a fair market value to rent from, said Carol Descombes, Whiteman base housing manager.

Frank McKinley and Ralph Wilson are the base housing assistants who ensured that Runzheimer, the contractor hired by DoD, had good numbers to look at while they were analyzing local market values, Descombes said.

Whiteman Spirit Award



Airman Brandon Richards

509th Security Forces Squadron

Airman Brandon Richards, 509th Security Forces Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award Dec. 12 from Brig. Gen. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander.

Sujamanas Badger, who teaches an accounting class at the base education center, nominated Airman Richards for the award.

Mr. Badger was stopped at the Spirit Gate for an ID check and smoke started to come out of his car's tailpipe and under the hood. Airman Richards and other security guards helped check to see what the problem was.

The problem was the headgasket and Mr. Badger was not able to drive his car back home to Warrensburg so Airman Richards offered to take him home.

Mr. Badger had to teach his class from 5-7:30 p.m. Airman Richards shift ended at 6 p.m. but waited for Mr. Badger's class to end.

"He sacrificed his time and resources to help a stranger without any thought at all," Mr. Badger said.

"I (wouldn't) mind to be in the front lines of war with him because I can see he's the type that would not leave me behind."

Time on Station: Six months

Time in Service: Eleven months

Hometown: Sparta, Tenn.

Hobbies: Hunting, fishing and hanging out with friends.

Goals: Finish college and attend officer training school.

Best thing about Whiteman: Becoming a senior NCO and retiring from the Air Force

Best thing about Whiteman: The friendly people.

Pet Peeves: People not doing what they say they will do and not being on time.

What motivates your winning spirit? Being somebody that you would be proud to be.

If you could change one thing about Whiteman, what would it be? The base exchange would stay open later.

1st Sergeant's View



New Year,

New beginnings

(Editor's note: The 1st Sergeant's view gives Whiteman first sergeants a chance to remind people of correct uniform wear, customs and courtesies, and proper military decorum.)

By Master Sgt. Randy Johnson

509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron first sergeant

The time has come and gone, another 12 months have passed us by. What have we accomplished this past year?

Did we keep your New Year's resolution or let it slip by just like the time. Each year we are faced with new challenges, adversity and goals.

The trick is to have a plan, a road map of how we are to reach our goal and stay the course.

Far too often we set ourselves up for success only to let ourselves fall back into that old familiar routine.

Or adversity strikes and we falter from our goals and digress back to what was comfortable.

So what's my point? Where am I taking you? The point is change is never easy and it takes hard work and dedication to see it through.

Change can be very uncomfortable when we are so used to the norm, but it's the best way to expand and experience new challenges and self growth.

Many, many times we have gone to new locations and heard the same familiar phrases, "that's the way we always do things here" or "don't buck the system or cause waves."

My personal favorite is "don't worry you'll fall in line soon enough;" this is the mind set of folks who have no plan.

They are happy with things just as is, with no desire to move or change their ways.

The problem is stagnant people are not creative or motivated to seek out newer or faster ways to accomplish tasks or challenges.

Just leave it alone and all will be OK. Another popular catch phrase is "I've been here 10 years and changes never work."

With an attitude of failure, how can one succeed?

Change can be good for people; we change things everyday that makes our lives easier and healthier.

Probably the hardest thing about change is getting people to buy into it. Seeing and getting past the "What's in it for me?" syndrome.

If people stay the course and follow through on their ideas and tackle the challenges and adversity in their lives, they will finally see how change has made a positive impact on their outlook and possibly their lives.

Each new calendar year we are given a new beginning; what we do with it is up to us. Remember, having a plan or a goal to achieve can help change the way we do business and break the molds of past.

So don't fear change. Embrace it, conquer it, and take advantage of the opportunities to expand and experience new challenges.

Bad weather battle plan

When the weather turns bad listen to these stations for base closures and delays.

Kansas City TV

KMBC Channel 9

(ABC)

KSHB Channel 41

(NBC)

WDAF Channel 4

(FOX)

Warrensburg Radio

KOKO (1450 AM)

KCMW (90.9 FM)

KWKJ (98.5 FM)

Clinton Radio

KLRQ (96.1 FM)

KDKD (1280 AM and 95.3 FM)

Kansas City Radio

KBEQ (104.3 FM)

KFKF (94.1 FM)

KPRS (103.3 FM)

WDAF (106.5 FM)

KMBZ (980 AM)

KDUL (98.1 FM)

Sedalia Radio

KDRO (1490 AM)

KSIS (1050 AM)

KSDL (92.1 FM)

KXXK (105.7 FM)

Base members can also tune in to Channel 99 on base, visit www.whiteman.af.mil or call the Straight Talk Line at 687-NEWS (6397).



BASH: taking aim at a real flight risk

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Rob Hazelett
Public Affairs

While lions, tigers and bears may conjure up memories of a particular 1939 film, what do horned lark, kestrels and hawks elicit? These are just a few of the pesky critters the 509th Operations Support Squadron is trying to prevent from coming onto the flightline through the Bird Aircraft Strike Hazard program.

The BASH program, which is part of the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, began in 1975 when a group of experts met to discuss wildlife hazards that had been encountered in the airfield.

“BASH became a full-swing interest item in 1995 after the AWACS crash in Alaska,” said Staff Sgt. Jason Burden, 509th Bomb Wing flight safety NCO. Several Canadian geese were ingested by two of the E-3B Sentry engines, which led to the destruction of the Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft and the loss of its twenty-four crew members, he said.

During flying hours, a group of highly-trained professionals from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 509th OSS airfield management/operations and 509th BW flight safety provide the manpower to stave off potential catastrophe and possible loss of assets and life, said Senior Master Sgt. Courtney Davis, 509th OSS airfield manager.

There is a possibility that birds and aircraft will try to occupy the same space, and that’s when accidents happen, said Master Sgt. Todd Lewis, 509th OSS deputy airfield manager.

Bird strikes continue to be a prevalent threat, and Whiteman is not exempt from them. The last bird strike occurred here Oct. 2 of last year, when a T-38A Talon’s number two engine ingested a two-ounce horned lark before take-off. The mission was aborted, and both pilot and jet returned to the hangar unscathed.

This incident reinforces the fact that take-offs and landings are the most dangerous times to fly, and that even though birds can vary in size from a few ounces to several pounds, the impact can be just as devastating.

“Imagine taking a baseball and hurling it 300-miles per hour at your car or hitting a deer on the highway; you get the point,” Sergeant Davis said.

To discourage birds away from the flightline, the team uses two types of controls; active and passive.

“Active control works well for short periods of times,” Sergeant Davis said. “But passive control is the most effective approach”

Some deterrent devices used in active control are propane canons, suppressed M-77 rifles, radio controlled aircraft and vehicle bioacoustics, which simulate bird distress calls through a loud speaker that is controlled from within the vehicle.

“We also have 12-gauge shotguns using steel shot and shell-cracker pyrotechnics to harass birds and wildlife,” said Keith Donaldson, USDA wildlife specialist. “We have two types of 15 mm pyrotechnics; bangers and screamers, which are launched from small pistols using a cap to fire the accelerant in the pyro, which then launches out to 50 yards and explodes.”

Two traps of interest are the Bal-Chatrri pole trap, which snares a bird’s leg when it attempts to catch a fenced-in rodent, and the Gosh-hawk trap, which confines large birds of prey after they’ve fallen through a

Fast Facts

- **BASH strikes cost the Air Force \$53.3 billion in damages during 2004.**
- **There were 4,673 reported wildlife strikes in 2004.**
- **The average cost of damage per strike was \$35 thousand.**
- **Most strikes occur in clear conditions.**
- **On average, strikes occurred at 10 a.m.**
- **More strikes occur in the airfield at under 50 feet**
- **The bird most often struck is the horned lark with 1,519 occurrences.**
- **The most BASH-related fatalities in one year occurred in 1995 with 24 crew members.**
- **The last reported BASH-related fatality was in 1999.**
- **For more information visit http://afsafety.af.mil/SEF/BASH/SEFW_home.shtml**

collapsible perch set above baited birds protected by plexi-glass.

The contraptions enabled the team to trap and relocate more than 100 birds of prey from the airfield last year, and were an alternative humane method to prevent the animals from becoming a threat.

Passive controls, on the other hand, consist of removing what the birds find attractive in their environment.

An example of a passive control would be habitat management. The team has worked at moving the tree-line back from the airfield, and has also set up a floating barrier of black plastic balls on a water storage lagoon near the fire training pit.

The birds can’t roost nearby, and they can’t get to the water source, so they take their search elsewhere, Sergeant Lewis said. “We want to make their home a little less homey,”

As the team is learning more about the behavior of birds and how other animals react around aircraft, the technology for the BASH program has had to grow and be modified.

“We are currently awaiting an upgrade of propane canons that would be added to provide complete coverage of the entire runway,” Sergeant Davis said. The cost of the canons and the entire cost of the entire program is insignificant when human lives are taken into account, he said.

The noise levels of the BASH program have not been a problem. Base residents might only hear a distant canon being fired, or the blast of a 12-gauge shotgun on a normal duty day.

When there’s flying going on, personnel are in the airfield at all times doing the proce-

dures that could last minutes, hours or all day.

The team is keenly aware of birds being more active before dawn and before dusk. Because of this, they routinely perform a bird activity check, which allows them to better prepare for the 120 different species of birds that may pose a threat to aircraft, and determine what type of deterrent devices will be necessary.

“The problem we face is the base is surrounded by farmland of row crops. The birds bed down on one side of the base and fly to the other to water and feed in the mornings, and return at dusk. The runway is between the two” Sergeant Davis said.

The bird and wildlife threat can hardly be eliminated, but the BASH team has made great strides in reducing damage caused by bird strikes. While the air force may list more strikes occurring each year, it’s basically due to the aircraft flying a lot more, Sergeant Burden said.

The team hasn’t been alone in removing all critters, in fact they are swift to acknowledge assistance from several agencies who have helped them out.

The 509th CES has aided with controlled habitat burns, which are handled by the base fire department to remove the grass and brush that birds and rodents thrive in.

Security forces has helped by alerting the team when wildlife, such as deer and fox have occasionally wandered onto the flightline and then removed the mammals when necessary.

The Missouri National Guard has also pitched in. While on their training missions, they use their capability to notify the team of any wild animals that are lingering around base housing, said sergeant Burden. “It’s kind of like calling in an airstrike.”

“Our BASH program has been effective because we take pride in assisting to provide in human lives,” said sergeant Lewis. “The pilots count on us to do our jobs right.”

Todd Stewart, U.S. Department of Agriculture wildlife Biologist, trains his eye in the scope of an M-77 Ruger rifle. The rifle allows Stewart to ward off potential bird strikes by harassing birds and other wildlife.



Keith Donaldson, U.S. Department of Agriculture wildlife specialist, fires off a 15-mm screamer. The flares are some of the pyrotechnics used to ward off wildlife.

Senior Airman Sharla Fossen, 509th OSS airfield management operations coordinator, activates the vehicle bioacoustics control panel, which simulates distressed bird calls.

Controlling the skies

ALI BASE, Iraq — The southern third of Iraqi skies are controlled by a small group of Airmen assigned to the 407th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron Area Control Center. The 50,000 square miles of coverage is handled using a mobile radar unit designed for high mobility and a four month useful life. The unit has been in operation more than 3 years now. Staff Sgt. Monica Pubillones is one of the air traffic controllers assigned to the control center. Sergeant Pubillones is monitoring radio traffic, keeping an eye on the radar screen in front of her and updating flight progress strips each time she has contact with one of the aircraft she's tracking. Switches on the console magnify sections of the airspace, change overlay information and provide many other options for the controllers. Sergeant Pubillones is a member of the 509th Operations Support Squadron.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Paul Dean

Caring accreditation



Courtesy photo

Tasha Roberts, a Whiteman family child care provider, has received her certification of Accreditation for Family Child Care from the National Association of Family Child Care. The accreditation is for attaining the highest standards of quality set for the family child care profession by successfully completing the accreditation process. Mrs. Roberts is also the Whiteman Family Child Care Provider of the Year for 2005. For more information, contact the family child care office at 687-5590 or 687-1180.



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Plan, from Page 2

of my youthful impatience, following the plan to ultimately reach the objective.

Easy, you may ask? Not in the least.

I'd would say that this step, action, is perhaps the most difficult. However, I would also relay that once you've taken that first step, the next step, and the step after that become less difficult, with the law of inertia facilitating the quickening of each additional step of progress.

N = NERVE – OK, so we've got our purpose, we're fired up to lead the way towards making the mission happen, we've taken that first step of action, starting down the road towards the goal, what, now, keeps us going?

Rudyard Kipling wrote, "If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew to serve your turn long after they are gone, and so hold on when there is nothing in you except the will which says to them: 'Hold on!'"

Nerve comes from hope supported by confidence that the plan is sure. I suggest that our nerve, our confidence is part of this strong foundation developed by taking the time to build a solid plan to once more meet the mission at hand.

In the Book of Hebrews, chapter 11, verse 1, it says, "Now faith is the conviction of things hoped for, the assurance of what we do not see." Reaching once more into the example of personal physical fitness, we know, with conviction, that if we follow our work-out plan, adhere to healthy living principles (balanced diet, plenty of rest/water, etc) and stay consistent with our PT sessions, we will see positive results. That's not to imply the road

will be easy, not in the least. What it does mean, though, is we can steel our nerve to make that one last push-up, peel off that holiday poundage and work to overall improve our healthy-living focus.

We can rest assured that the body will respond to increased workload resistance and decreased caloric intake. We have the Creator's word on that.

So can we validate the PLAN concept as being one that works? Countless number of examples present themselves, all following the same guidelines: We can clearly see the PLAN idea via Col. Paul Tibbets' III leadership of the crew of the Enola Gay in completing his mission, ending World War II.

Once more we can follow the thread through General Eisenhower's leadership as the Supreme Commander Allied Forces during Operation Overlord.

Then there's General Schwartzkopf's leadership of the Coalition Forces during Desert Storm. I can simply go on and on with example after example. Simply the PLAN concept works.

In conclusion, if you, like so many of us, have set out New Year's Resolutions and you've not yet begun to make a go of it. Perhaps you too can benefit from what my Dad taught me years ago. I willingly give you Pop Johnson's lessons to me about the PLAN.

Perhaps you'll find, as I have, by using the PLAN that you too can say as the Apostle Paul did in I Corinthians 9:26, "I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step."

Happy New Year!!

Spreading holiday cheer



Courtesy photos

Volunteers from local communities donated more than 30 bicycles to Whiteman youth. The bikes were delivered to the family support center Dec 20.

Team Whiteman members adopted a local family in need and donated more than \$3,000 in gifts and \$160 in groceries. The delivery is part of an annual donation organized by the family support center.

Thank You

Hello All ...

Just wanted to tell you how proud I am of you for serving in our United States Military.

Words can not begin to express the appreciation I have for the courage you are displaying in defense of our country's freedom and security.

Military service is the highest display of patriotism and one that takes an immense amount of bravery and sacrifice.

You have selflessly volunteered to serve this great nation. Everyday you put your lives on the line so that Americans can enjoy their freedoms. You do a job that most people couldn't even begin to handle, but yet each day you awake and do it all over again.

Freedom is something we all take for granted because we don't know what it's like to be without it.

Your courage and service helps assure us that today and tomorrow we will continue to live in the land of the free because of the brave such as you. Generations from now when our children and grandchildren are growing up in a free America and more democratic world, your loyalty, courage and sacrifices will be remembered.

No matter where you are serving or the role that you play, this nation will be a better place to live for future generations to come, thanks to young men and women as yourselves.

I wish I could do more than just offer words, but I hope you value them as much as I do your service to our country.

Thank you again for all that you do.

Michele Ornburn
Columbia, Mo.

Team Whiteman Community

WESC sponsors party

The Whiteman Enlisted Spouses' Club is sponsoring a skating party for the families of deployed or remote military on Jan. 21 at Elliot's Skate Rink in Warrensburg from noon-2 p.m. This is a free event and space is limited. Please RSVP to Lori Olive at 563-2244 or pacificnwmommyof3@yahoo.com.

Events page available on the Web

The 509th Communications Squadron Network Control Center has posted an events bulletin on the Web at <https://intranet/509BW/Events-Board/bulletin.asp>.

Team Whiteman members can post base events and information on the page by contacting their unit's point of contact listed on <https://intranet/509BW/Events-Board/bulletin.asp>.

Volunteer Dental Assistant Program

The Whiteman dental clinic is accepting volunteers for the next dental assisting volunteer program class starting Jan. 17.

This is an opportunity to get no cost training in a rewarding field.

For more details, contact Master Sgt. April Sanders, or Tech. Sgt. Lorrin Savage, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, at 687-2201.

Winter weather parking

Base members living in base housing are reminded not to park vehicles in the streets during winter weather.

When bad weather is imminent and confirmed by base weather, base housing residents should park all vehicles of

the street (not on seeded or grassy areas).

Vehicles obstructing snow removal operations may be ticketed by base law enforcement and may be towed at the owner's expense if necessary.

Education

Call the base education center at
687-5750 for more details on these events.

SAT tests available

The base training and education services will be offering the SAT at 7:30 a.m. Jan. 13, in the DANTES test center, Bldg 145.

Active duty, Reserves, and Guard only are eligible. Please email ron.johnson@whiteman.af.mil to schedule.

Family Support

Call 687-7132 for more details on these
family support center activities.

Pre-separation briefing set

A pre-separation briefing for people separating from the military begins 8 a.m. Monday.

Representatives from the military personnel flight, family support center, Reserves and finance will provide information.

The MPF separations and retirements office schedules members for this briefing.

For more information, call them at 687-1500 or 6720.

WIC representative visits base

A WIC representative is available beginning at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

WIC includes nutrition education, health promotion and a supplemental food program to help women, infants and

children who have nutritional needs.

For more details, call the WIC office in Warrensburg at 747-2012.

Pre-deployment briefing set

A mandatory pre-deployment briefing for people who are deploying or going on a temporary duty assignment for more than 30 days begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Base members interested in submitting information to the Events section must send information to spirit.times@whiteman.af.mil by noon the Friday before desired publication. Submission does not guarantee publication.

Niner Line

Dial 687-3119 or e-mail
9r.Line@whiteman.af.mil

Whiteman's Niner Line provides a communication channel for you to obtain information and assistance in making Whiteman a better place to live and work.

Before calling the Niner Line, please try to resolve your particular problem with the responsible base agency.

If you've exhausted all the normal avenues to resolve the situation, then feel free to call Brig. Gen. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, at 687-3119 or e-mail 9r.Line@whiteman.af.mil.



Leading the way

By Capt Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

ACROSS

1. Undersecretary of the Air Force Dr. Ronald M. ____ (SAF/US)
5. Hold up
9. 2005 McConaughey movie
11. New York city section
13. Suspended chemical
14. Printing error
16. Scottish hillside
17. Active, energetic person
19. Monopoly purchases, in short
20. USA unit of differing MOSs
21. Elbow or head follower
23. Tepid
24. NY Giant Manning
26. Southern Asia peninsula
27. USAF aerial mission
28. Blue jeans
30. Vice Chief of Staff Gen. John D.W. ____ (AF/CV)
32. Kitchen measurement, in short
33. Ump
34. Dishonest
37. Stopwatches
40. Director Howard
41. Actresses Kudrow and Bonet
43. Fishing technique
44. Otherwise
45. Billy Ray Cyrus song ____ Breaky Heart
46. Taxing org.
48. Bumble or honey
49. Assist
51. Superhero comic
52. Northern Ireland capital
56. Breakfast food
58. Proverbial haystack item
59. Decorative ribbon
60. Votes in favor
61. Final

DOWN

1. Marketable
2. 2000 Tony Award best actress
3. Investigative arm of Congress, in short
4. Dry
5. Prohibit

6. Mistake
7. Pie ____ mode
8. Cover the steps, again
9. Separated
10. Decorates
11. Brave
12. Chief Master Sergeant of the AF



Dec. 16 answers

- CMSgt Gerald R. ____ (CMSAF)
13. NBC rival
15. USAF decoration
18. USAF org. concerned with bomb removal
22. New Zealand people
23. Ate greedily
25. Articulate
26. African antelope
29. USAF mission of UAVs
31. Sleep type
34. American soprano Augér
35. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael ____ (AF/CC)
36. Asst. Vice Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Arthur J. ____ (AF/CVA)
37. Air Force Surgeon Gen. Lt. Gen. George ____, Jr. (AF/SG)
38. Apparel
39. Branch out
42. Wayne movie ____ Wore a Yellow Ribbon
44. Fade away
47. Lorne Michaels' NBC sitcom
50. Beach item
51. Dec. holiday
53. Surcharge
54. Oklahoma town
55. Patrick AFB's 1st or 5th squadron, in short
57. Scheduling abbrev.

Adventure only a step away



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

By Senior Master Sgt. Peter Blaszczyk
509th Bomb Wing

Who doesn't like exploring in the woods or in caves? Who doesn't like to do aquatic events or learn to survive on their own?

If these seem interesting to you and you are a young man age 10 to 16, the question to be asked is, "Have you tried Scouting?"

Troop 509 is a local troop that meets 6-7:00 p.m. Thursday nights at the community activity center.

The Scouts learn basic outdoor skills and good citizenship through helping the local community.

Currently, Troop 509 is supporting a recycling drive on-base for outdated electronic equipment.

This program is geared to help the Scout's families offset the costs of camps and other adventure programs.

For a small charge of \$3 per item, the Scouts will pack up these items and send them off to a recycling center,

therefore reducing such items in landfills.

Scouting is a great place to teach leadership, outdoor safety/survival techniques and to meet new friends.

While participating in activities Scouts will complete requirements which assist in rank advancements.

Upon reaching the first class rank, Scouts are put into troop leadership positions which they then teach newer Scouts the basic skills.

The troop meetings are lead by the Scouts and adults are present at all times to ensure their safety and assist in making sound decisions.

Troop 509 has a monthly activity and weekly meetings. Some upcoming events are a trip to Conner's Cave in Columbia, Mo., District Klondike race and an indoor fun-day.

If you are interested in adventures and you meet the above criteria, come out on a Thursday night and check us out.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Peter Blaszczyk, 509th Bomb Wing, at 563-6333 or Master Sgt. Art Roy, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, at 563-9517.

Fast Fact

Boy Scout Troop 509 will be accepting old electronics for recycling 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tomorrow at the corner of Vandenberg Ave. and 8th street near the skills development center. Some items accepted include monitors, computers, VCRs, DVD players and televisions.

Straight TALK

Bad weather?
Base crisis?
Squash the
rumors!

call the *Straight* TALK Line

687-NEWS



Services Page editor.....Poppy Artherton
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Sports & Recreation

Fitness Center 687-5496

Fitness classes

Need a little extra motivation in the gym? Try one of the fitness center's free classes. Taking part with others will encourage you to push a little harder. Classes include pilates, kick-boxing, extreme fitness and spinning. Stop by the fitness center for a schedule.

Fitness assessments

Fitness Assessments are back. "Three Steps to your Success" is a three-step process which covers initial assessment, equipment orientation, and physical fitness program. Call the fitness center for an appointment.

Outdoor Recreation, Information and Tickets 687-5565

Winter operating hours Main office, Information and Tickets and Equipment rental.

Fri, Sat, Sun and Mon 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Tue, Wed, Thur 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

NAF resale

1st Wed of each month noon-2 p.m.

Free skiing

Free ski and lift pass for active duty pass holders and discounted rates for dependents or other military classifications, Wednesdays through Feb. 22. at Snow Creek Resort. Outdoor recreation will provide transportation Jan. 18, Feb 1 and 16. The shuttle costs \$5 per person or \$15 for a family of four. Call outdoor recreation for more details or to sign up.

Food & Fun

Royal Oaks 687-5573

Breakfast at the golf club

Effective Monday through April 1 breakfast will no longer be served at the Royal Oaks. Lunch, snack and steak house operations will be unaffected.

Duffer's Grill

The grill at Royal Oaks is open 11 a.m.-1 p.m. daily for hot and cold sandwiches with a great choice of meats, cheeses and breads. There's also the daily special, grilled burgers and chicken breast.

Steak night

Enjoy a top notch steak at the Royal Oaks Steak house. Open 5-8 p.m. every Friday and Saturday. The menu also includes chicken, fish and children's meals so the whole family can come along.

Mission's End 687-4422

\$2

Club members' lunch buffet

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday
Mission's End

January coin special

Show a club coin 4-6 p.m. throughout January and enjoy a 22oz Sam Adams seasonal draw for just \$2.50.

Mongo mongolian buffet

Supersized mongolian buffet 5-8 p.m. Jan 13. Create a delicious stir-fry by picking your own ingredients. Choose from beef, chicken, pork or crab or try a bit of everything. Lots of vegetables and sauces will complete the dish. The buffet costs \$12.95 for members and \$14.95 for nonmembers and includes salad bar, drink and dessert.

Community Activities

Arts and Crafts Center 687-5691

Crochet

Pick up some new skills at the crochet class, 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at arts and crafts. Sign up by Monday.

Beginner framing class

Learn to cut mat, join a frame and assemble your project. The class takes place 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at arts and crafts. Sign up by Tuesday.

Intermediate jewelry class

Improve your knowledge of jewelry making with a two-session intermediate class 9-11 a.m. Jan. 10 and 17 at the arts and crafts center. The class costs \$25 plus supplies. Sign up the day prior.

Community Center 687-5617

Wacky winter Olympics

Get over the winter blues and enjoy some free family fun at the community center 2-4 p.m. Saturday. Take part in putt-putt golf, pop-a-shot basketball, wish for fish, shuffleboard and many more. A \$1 prize will be given to all attendees.

Youth photography

Children ages 9-13 can pick up tips on how to take great photos by taking part in this community center activity 12:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Jan. 14. Participants should bring their own camera (any type, including disposable, is fine). The class costs \$3. Sign up by Jan. 13.

Operation Valentine treat

Make sure our newly-deployed troops are well prepared for Valentines day. Donate items such as beanie babies for them to hand out to local children, valentines cards for them to send to their loved ones at home, snacks, hygiene items, soft drink mixes or batteries. A list of suggested items is available from the community center. Bring donated items to the community center by Jan. 20.

Teen Center 687-5819

Weekly activities

From web design to mural painting, writing outstanding job applications to promoting activities, there's something for every 13- to 18-year-old at the teen center's free evening activities, Monday through Thursday. Contact teen center for details.

Friday night flicks

Grab the popcorn, kick back and enjoy a great movie on the big screen TV. 7-10 p.m. Jan 13 and 27 at the teen center. The cost is \$1.

Snow Creek skiing and snowboarding

Teen Center trip to Snow Creek Resort, Mo. Jan. 28-29. Ages 13-18 can come along and learn new skills or improve old ones. Lodging will be provided at Ft. Leavenworth. The trip costs \$20 plus money for snacks. Sign ups on a first come first served basis at the teen center before Jan. 24.

Youth Center 687-5683

Spring soccer registration

Registration packs are available 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday from the youth program offices at the community center. The program is open to Kindergarten through seventh grade, children must be 5 before Feb. 1 to participate. The cost is \$30 for members and \$35 for nonmembers. Registration packs should be handed in Feb 1-3, room D at the community center. Practices start late February with the games starting in mid-March.

Soccer coaches training

Any active duty, civilian or spouse is invited to volunteer to coach the youth soccer teams. Training for coaches will take place 5-7:30 p.m. Feb. 2 at the community center. Sign up by Jan. 27 by calling the youth center.

Kids' night out

A kids' night out pajama party will take place 6:30-9:30 p.m. Jan. 20 at the teen center. Games will include teddy bear bingo, karaoke, video games, arts and crafts, pool, foosball and movies. This event is for children aged 6-9 years old. Staff facilitated to ensure children take part in age-appropriate activities. Sign ups begin Jan 16, limited to the first 30 sign ups. \$6 for members and \$8 for nonmembers.

Pre-teen swimming trip

Children aged 10-12 can get together for an afternoon of swimming at the Warrensburg indoor pool noon-5 p.m. Jan 14. Don't forget a towel! \$3 for members and \$4 for nonmembers plus extra money for a snack after swimming.

Family Child Care 687-1180

Extended-duty care

Register now for the extended-duty care program. It is available to help parents meet child care requirements for extra duty and emergencies. Care is provided in a contracted, licensed family child care home to augment regular care arrangements. An application must be completed prior to participation. Call for more details.

Child Development Center 687-5588

Drop-in care

The child development center can provide drop-in child care for all ages on a space available basis for \$3 per hour.

Child care and program places

The Tuesday and Thursday morning developmental enrichment pre-school program has openings for 3- to 5-year-olds. There are also several openings for full-time care for 3-5 year olds. Contact the child development center for more details.

Library 687-6217

Story time

Story time for pre-schoolers takes place every Wednesday at 10 a.m. 3-5-year-olds can listen to a story or take part in a craft activity at the library. There is also the library's dial-a-story program with a new story every week. Available 24 hours-a-day by calling 687-6255.

Auto-repair database

Take care of your vehicle this winter. The library has access to more than 150 easy-to-read, illustrated auto-repair manuals and 56,000 Technical Service Bulletins covering every major manufacturer of domestic and imported vehicles as far back as 1954. Contact the library for more information.

Movie Schedule

Friday		
Derailed	7 p.m.	R
Starring-Jennifer Aniston and Clive Owen		
Saturday		
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire	7 p.m.	PG-13
Starring-Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint.		
Sunday		
Walk the Line	5 p.m.	PG
Starring-Joaquin Phoenix and Reece Witherspoon		
Adults: \$3.50 Children: \$1.75 Movie Recording Line: 687-5110		
Movies subject to change due to availability. For current and future movie listings log on to http://www.aafes.com/ems/conus/whiteman.htm .		